

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula insertable into a proximal end of a biopsy cannula and between an inner wall of the biopsy cannula and a tissue-removing cylinder to perform transcutaneous biopsies of tissues, said biopsy material holding device comprising a wire having a proximal end, a distal end and a wire tip at said distal end with bevelling arranged at the ~~distal end~~ wire tip, said wire ~~having being bent in a bending direction at~~ being bent in a bending direction at a pre-stress angle arranged at the proximate end of the wire, said bevelling facing away from the bending direction, so that ~~causing~~ the wire including the wire tip ~~to glide~~ glides along the inner wall of the biopsy cannula when inserted into the biopsy cannula.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 further comprising a grip end, wherein said wire is attached to said grip end.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 further comprising a grip end with an attached extension shank, said wire being fastened to the shank.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 wherein the ~~beveling is at the tip, said wire tip having has~~ a beveling angle B of  $5^{\circ}$  to  $85^{\circ}$ , ~~and being adapted to face the tissue-removing cylinder.~~

Claim 5 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1, wherein the beveling of the wire is either hollow ground or bulged.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 2 wherein said wire is arranged at the center of the grip end, with the pre-stress angle being between  $1^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$ .

Claim 7 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 wherein the

wire has a length so that the wire reaches the distal end of the biopsy cannula when inserted in the biopsy cannula.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 2 wherein the grip end can be locked into the proximal end of the biopsy cannula.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 3 wherein the wire is firmly connected to the distal end of the shank and said pre-stress angle is between  $1^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$ , according to the specific application.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 3 wherein the grip end is lockable into the proximal end of the biopsy cannula and the length of the wire is 25 mm and ends at ~~the~~ a direct end of the biopsy cannula after insertion of the shank and locking of the grip end into the proximal end of the biopsy cannula.

Claims 11-12 (canceled).